

Efforts of the American Cancer Society, other organizations and individuals to obtain attention both at the local and national levels were noted in many news stories, columns and editorials.

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### Evidence Cited

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(Dr. Taylor is the chairman of the ACS Committee on Tobacco and Cancer, though neither J.A.M.A. nor news reports noted this.)

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